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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Committee Members

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Minutes of 10 November 1982 Executive Committee
Meeting: 1983 Position Reductions

1. The Executive Committee met on 10 November 1982 to consider the Comptroller's proposal for allocating the position reductions resulting from Authorization Conference action on the Agency's FY 1983 budget. [redacted] chaired the session; participants included Messrs. Fitzwater (DDA); Stein (DDO); Gates (DDI); Hineman (DDDS&T); and Childs (Comptroller). [redacted]

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2. [redacted] explained the need to identify [redacted] positions that could be cut from the 1983 program. He reviewed the alternatives proposed by the Comptroller, noting that some positions, like those analyst positions specifically added by Congress, were untouchable. He also noted the overdue need to recapitalize the Agency's physical plant and reverse the decline in our support structure. [redacted]

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3. Mr. Gates acknowledged that the Office of the Comptroller tried to develop an equitable recommendation and the DDI appeared to come out the best, losing only [redacted] slots. He then explained recent adjustments within the directorate would mean those [redacted] slots would have to come from analyst positions, contrary to Congressional and Administration guidance. He suggested politically it would be wiser not to cut these [redacted] DDI positions so we could advise Congress and the National Security Council that we had protected analysis. Mr. Gates then answered several questions on the reallocation of slots within his directorate. [redacted]

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4. Mr. Stein reviewed the status of his directorate, noting that the DDO had [redacted] positions allocated to support the missions of the Office of Communications, Technical Services, and SIGINT Operations. He mentioned other positions were being blocked for polygraph operators, psychologists, and language training. Nevertheless, Mr. Stein said that the DDO could live with the Comptroller's recommended reduction of [redacted] slots if ceiling relief could be obtained again in 1983-84. [redacted] advised there was no guarantee. [redacted]

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5. Mr. Hineman reviewed the 1983 growth in his directorate's positions and noted his surprise at the lack of growth in research and development. He said that he intended to reprogram within the directorate to find additional slots for R&D. He suggested that he could manage the Comptroller's recommended cut of [] slots, but he would have difficulty handling more than that. []

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6. After highlighting the areas of his directorate that were under strength, Mr. Fitzwater said that he preferred the pro rata alternative to the Comptroller's recommended cut of [] positions for the DDA. [] suggested limiting the DDA to a reduction of [] and cutting DDS&T an additional []. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to split the additional [] between the DDS&T [] and the DDO [].

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7. [] stated that Congressional approval of DDI positions had included some staff positions for a developmental cadre and for data-base building. Even though the DDI subsequently reallocated some of them to analyst positions, [] felt a DDI cut of [] could be defended. He therefore concluded the [] position reductions would be allocated as follows: [] He then adjourned the meeting.

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